



Section 2 – Village Questions

Appomattox County Court House (Visitor Center),
Clover Hill Tavern, Chamberlain-Gordon Salute site,
Peers House, Meeks Store, McLean House



**** Begin this session in the Court House Visitor Center. Please listen carefully to the documentary slide program and electronic map on the second floor to answer the following questions.**

1. On April 2, 1865, General Robert E. Lee evacuated the siege lines around Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia after _____ months of being there.
2. How many men of Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia were killed, captured and wounded during the Battle of Sailor's Creek on April 6, 1865?
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3. On April 8, 1865, Union cavalry under General _____ captured the Confederate supply trains at Appomattox Station.
4. On _____, General Robert E. Lee met with General Ulysses S. Grant to surrender the _____.
5. Who owned the house where the surrender meeting took place?
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6. After listening to the *Surrender Meeting* audio program, list two of the surrender terms General Ulysses S. Grant wrote for General Robert E. Lee's army.
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7. Name the two men who were the secretaries/assistants for Grant and Lee during the surrender.
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8. On the first floor, view the Wall of Honor pictures of men who were here for the surrender on April 9, 1865. After viewing all the photographs how old do you think the average Civil War soldier (Privates and Sergeants) was? Take a guess and briefly explain why.
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****Head out into the Appomattox Court House village and over to the Clover Hill Tavern. Answer the following questions.**

9. Before becoming Appomattox Court House in 1845, the name of the town was _____.

10. In 1845, the County of Appomattox was created and the next year the town of Appomattox Court House was designated to be the county seat. If someone was traveling through Appomattox Court House in the 1850s what buildings would indicate that this was the county seat? (Look from the front yard or front porch of the Tavern).

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11. In the Clover Hill Tavern, army presses were set up on the evening of April 9, in order to produce _____ for the Confederate soldiers who surrendered here.

12. Besides allowing a Confederate soldier passage home, name 2 other things that a soldier could receive by showing his parole pass to Federal authorities.

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**** Now begin walking down the old Stage road, going east from the Court House Visitor Center and continuing to the Chamberlain-Gordon Salute site.**

13. This village served as a common stopping point for the stage coaches that traveled the long 90 miles, 3 day stretch, from Richmond to here on their way to Lynchburg. How many days do you think it would take to complete the last 30 miles from here to Lynchburg? Briefly explain why.

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14. On what day did the formal surrender parade take place? What items were stacked or laid down along this road?

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15. Union General Joshua Chamberlain ordered his men to perform the “marching salute” as the Confederates marched into the village during the stacking of arms ceremony. Confederate General John

Gordon ordered his soldiers to return the “marching salute.” According to Chamberlain, he considered this exchange of salutes as: “_____.”

****Move over to the front of the Peers House.**

16. On this spot some of the last fighting of the Army of Northern Virginia took place. What weapon was primarily used to keep Union cavalry and infantry from flanking the Confederate infantry that was retreating through the village after the Battle of Appomattox Court House?

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**** Turn around and head back into town. Stop inside Plunkett-Meeks Store.**

17. The Meeks Store served as the town’s general store and post office during the Civil War. List at least 5 items you recognize that were being sold during the 1860s.

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18. What do you think the inside of the store actually looked like at the time of the surrender? Briefly explain your answer.

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****Continue down the old stage coach road to the McLean House and answer the following questions.**

19. General Lee and General Grant met in the _____ of the McLean House and agreed upon the terms of surrender for only the Army of Northern Virginia, not the entire Confederacy.

20. On April 9, 1865 General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to General Ulysses S. Grant. In a few lines write out what you think the significance of this event is to our nation’s history.

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****Once all of the questions have been answered, return to the Visitor Center and have Section 2 of your packet checked by a Ranger.**